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Legislation to reduce the scale of court-fees.

* 721 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether and when he will introduce legislation so as to reduce the scale of court fees; and

(b) under what heads the Government will propose reduction and to what extent?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (b) of question No. 386.

Legislative

Alleged issue of a whip for the no-confidence motion.

* 722 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether any whip has been issued by any Member of the Government or by any permanent official of the Government to any Member or to any section of the Council to attend the meeting of the Legislative Council and to support the Ministry in the no-confidence motion?

A.—No such action has been taken by or by the authority of the Governor in Council.

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether any Member of the Government issued a whip in his personal capacity, though not with the authority of the Governor in Council?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I cannot tell, Sir."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the hon. Member is not personally aware whether any individual Member of the Government has issued a whip in his personal capacity?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I am not personally aware of it."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"As Law Member, is he aware?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I am not aware of it"

Police

Communal representation in the Police department.

* 723 Q.—Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member and hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Deputy Superintendents, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors and constables in the Police department in the districts of South Kanara and Malabar, respectively, classed according to denominations, as Hindu, Muhammadan, Christian or the Depressed classes;

(b) what the Government propose to do to remedy the preponderance of certain communities over the others;

(c) whether it is the policy of this Government to see that there is no excessive representation of particular communities in the services at the expense of others;